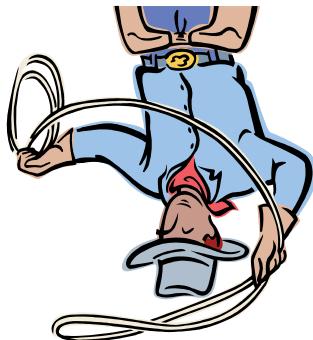


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Sperrfis, SD
Holiday Inn and Convention Center
October 17-19, 2006
Region VII Employment Conference:

EMPLOYMENT TRAIL
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South Dakota RehabACTion
122 N Monroe
Pierre, SD 57501

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General and Keynote Presentations

Denise Bissonnette



Her extraordinary success as a job developer led to requests for her to share her expertise with other practitioners and organizations. Soon, as a partner in the firm of [Milt Wright & Associates](#), Denise was in demand throughout North America - delivering seminars to Job Developers and Employment Specialists throughout the Employment and Training field.

For over 15 years Denise has been designing and conducting seminars, throughout North America, on topics related to employment, job search, career development and workforce diversity. Tens of thousands of Career Development professionals and Employment and Training professionals have been empowered by her programmatic strategies and inspired by her passion and vision. Denise's presentations will include "Beyond Traditional Job Development"; "Rekindle the Flame"; and "Cultivating the Spirit to Work"

Michael Callahan

Michael has consulted throughout the US, Canada and Europe in the area of supported employment for the past twenty-three years. He has worked with Marc Gold & Associates (MG&A) since 1979 and has served as president of the organization. MG&A is a network of consultants that provides technical assistance to systems, agencies and families interested in insuring the complete community participation of persons with severe disabilities. Mike also studied vocational rehabilitation while at Syracuse University in a doctoral studies program-- He is an editor of a popular "how-to" book on employment for persons with severe disabilities, Getting Employed, Staying Employed (1987) and co-author of Keys to the Work Place (1997) a text on systematic instruction and natural supports in supported employment. He has written numerous articles, chapters, manuals and curriculums pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. Michael is the vice-president of Employment for All.

Betsey Valnes



Betsy Valnes currently serves as the Executive Director for the National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN), a national non-profit organization for young people with disabilities. NYLN supports and educates young leaders to work toward increasing the voice of young people in national policy, program development, and youth empowerment. She also serves as an Ex Officio/Mentor with the National Council on Disability Youth Advisory Council. On an international level, she has contributed to inclusion efforts and program planning in Norway, Bosnia-Herzegovina, England, Scotland, Barbados and Canada through programs associated with the World Bank and the United Nations. Betsy contributes to state programs such as the State Independent Living Council, the Traumatic Brain Injury Alliance, and the Youth Leadership Forum. Her primary disability-related

interests and skills include education, employment, transition services, cultural diversity, community participation and self-advocacy -- all of which serve as core topics for her inclusion trainings and public presentations. Betsy will be presenting the necessity of including young people in the efforts and development of vocational rehabilitation and youth empowerment and mentorship methods.

Elaine Doll-Dunn



Elaine has earned four degrees, and a reading specialist endorsement, run 111 marathons, climbed Devils Tower, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, ran from the Atlantic to the Pacific, (sixty miles across Panama) to celebrate her sixtieth birthday, and fought cancer to a draw.

She has taught in the Spearfish school system for twenty-eight years while concurrently teaching nights and weekends for South Dakota State University, Black Hills State University and The University of Mary. She started the cross-country running program for women at BHSU, and coached them for six years. She also coached the junior high program for two years. She does consulting and inspirational speaking nation wide, and has presented at the international level in Toronto, Canada and Niehaus, Germany. Elaine will be presenting to the audience inspirational ways to accomplish life's goals.

Lodging Information:

A block of rooms are reserved at the following motels and these rooms will be released 30 days before the conference. We recommend you make your motel reservations as soon as possible.

[Holiday Inn and Convention Center](#) - 1-800-999-3541 • 605-642-4683 for \$65.95 per night.

Fairfield Inn - 605-642-3500 or Howard Johnson - 605-642-8105

(Block of Rooms reserved at \$50.00)

Additional Motels in the area:

Quality Inn - 605-642-2337

All American Inn - 605-642-2350

Booths

The conference will provide space for businesses or organizations interested in having a booth at the conference. If your organization is interested in having a booth, the application form can be found on WWW.SDRehabACTION.org web site or contact Ronda Williams at Ronda.Williams@state.sd.us.

General Information

The conference will begin right away on the morning of October 17th. It is anticipated that many individuals will arrive the night before the conference (October 16th). The block of rooms are reserved to include October 16th. Feel free to arrive early during the weekend and enjoy the beautiful and many historical sites in the Black Hills.

Airport Shuttle Information

The conference committee is making arrangements for coordinating shuttle services between the Rapid City Airport and Spearfish. For information contact Lisa Werlinger at 605-347-4467 or e-mail lwerlinger@bhssc.tie.net

Local Attractions:

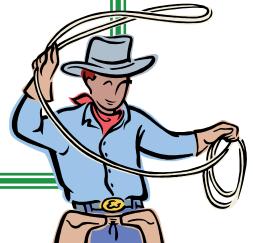
Spearfish is the entrance to Spearfish Canyon. Spectacular in autumn, intimate waterfalls, and high cliffs lined with evergreens and aspen frame the view of falls with walking trails. The movie Dances With Wolves also appreciated the pristine beauty of Spearfish Canyon by filming it for the movie's winter scenes. Other attractions in the area include Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, and Deadwood.

South Dakota is pleased to host the Region VIII Employment Conference on **October 17-19, 2006** in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This conference will assist Supported Employment Professionals, Mental Health Personnel, Community Participation Professionals, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Resource Coordinators, Independent Living Specialists, School and Transition Personnel, consumers and their family members. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the South Dakota RehabACTION web site at: WWW.SDRehabACTION.org

Special thanks to our partners and co-sponsors for the Region VIII Employment Conference:

[SD Rehabilitation Services](#)
[SD Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired](#)
[Region VIII CRP RCEP at CTAT](#)
[General RCEP at UNC](#)
[Black Hills Special Services Cooperative](#)
[South Dakota RehabACTION](#)
[SD Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

Continuing Education Credits for Certified Rehabilitation Counselors through CRCC will be provided. Attendance verification for other CEUs will be issued upon request. Additional information on the conference can be found at WWW.SDRehabACTION.org



Conference Information and Registration:

The conference will be held at the [Holiday Inn Convention Center](#) off of I-90 in Spearfish, SD. Registration cost includes two luncheons. Registration form is below and is also posted on the South Dakota RehabACTION web site. Questions on the conference can be directed to:

Bernie Grimme – 605-773-6284 at Bernie.Grimme@state.sd.us

Dan Rounds – 605-224-5314 at drounds@tie.net

Conference Registration

NAME(S) _____

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Registration includes all sessions and breaks as well as all resource and handout materials.

\$100 per person – Registration postmarked on or before September 30, 2006

\$125 per person – Registration postmarked after September 30, 2006

\$ _____ Payment Enclosed (Checks payable to SD RehabACTION)

Training Accommodations needs

(Response needed by September 30, 2006)

Braille

Large Print

Disc Format

Listening Device

ASL Interpreter

Other _____

Submit this form and payment to: (Checks payable to SD RehabACTION):

South Dakota RehabACTION

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Refund Policy: To cancel your registration and receive a refund you must notify us at least seven days prior to the event. No refunds will be made for cancellations with less than seven days notice.